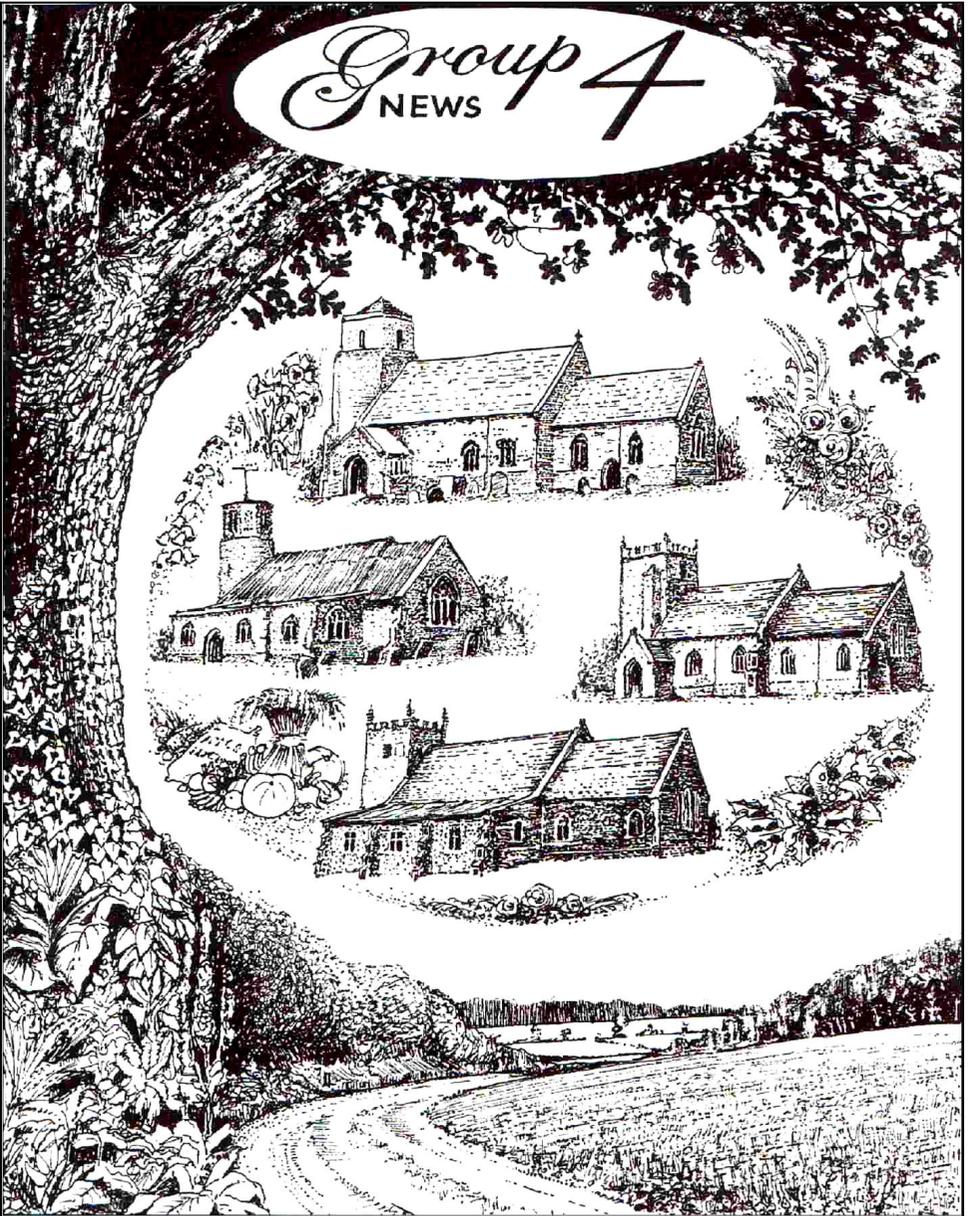


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WELCOME



Another packed edition for you to peruse at your leisure.



Don't forget St Valentine this month....
As always, 'Happy Reading '
The Editorial Team
Eileen and Pam

Thanks to all contributors and apologies to any whose work has not been shown in this issue.

We promise to include your articles wherever and whenever possible. Please do keep them coming.

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Dear All,

What is it about string? It doesn't matter how neatly you put it away in the drawer, it will always come out in a mass of knots. Of course knots can be very useful, and many are designed for particular situations, but they all share a common purpose – joining things together in such a way that they will not come apart. It is something very similar to this that the Apostle Paul meant when he wrote, "Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony."

Paul knew well enough that we are all different, that there will be times when we agree and when problems or divisions threaten to tear us apart. But he also knew that when we open our lives to the love of God, and when that love flows between us, then there is nothing that can finally come between us.

That is the sort of bond that the Church would love to see between all people and it is the sort of love that could solve so many of the world's problems if only we would allow it to work. So let us all hope and pray that the love of God enters all our lives and that we, in turn, learn to truly love and care for each other.

In the words of the hymn, 'Bind us together Lord, with cords that cannot be broken. Bind us together in love.'

Barbara

BENEFICE NEWS

Archdeacon of Cambridge to Retire

The Venerable John Beer, Archdeacon of Cambridge in the Diocese of Ely, is to retire in March.

John has been Archdeacon of Cambridge since 2004, before which time he was Archdeacon of Huntingdon and Wisbech.



John has served in various commuter parishes of the Diocese and has spent a significant amount of his ministry being involved with colleges at Cambridge University.

He was Chaplain of Fitzwilliam College and New Hall from 1974-1980 and Fellow of Fitzwilliam College from 1977. He has been

Director of Ordinands, Director of Studies for new clergy and Readers and taught in the Cambridge theological colleges and Cambridge University. He became a Bye-Fellow of Fitzwilliam College in 2001 where he is the wine steward.

He has been an Honorary Canon of Ely Cathedral since 1989.

The Bishop of Ely, the Rt Revd Stephen Conway, said: "John Beer has served the Church with distinction. He is someone who combines a disciplined life of prayer with a wonderful *joie de vivre* and extraordinary energy. He is as passionate about God and theology now as he was as the young theological student who earned the approbation of my predecessor, Peter Walker.

"Having combined being a parish priest with the role of Director of Ordinands, John is a gifted and discerning pastor whose ministry is largely given to encourage the clergy and church wardens of his archdeaconry and in the wider diocese. Many of our clergy and lay ministers owe their love of study and the pattern of their ministry to John's teaching and example.

"John has served both as Archdeacon of Huntingdon and Archdeacon of Cambridge. Consistently through the years he has been a loyal and supportive colleague of three Bishops of Ely. I have found his wisdom, kindness and intellectual rigour both stimulating and sustaining of my ministry so far. I shall

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miss him as a colleague, but I look forward to continuing friendship."

Prior to ordination John read Theology at Pembroke College, Oxford, during which time he represented the University at tennis, and then worked for some years in Advertising, Marketing and Finance at Rowntrees.

He is Chair of the Archdeaconry Church Music Society, Chair of the link Committee with the Lutheran Nord Kirche in Germany and a member of a number of diocesan committees relating to finance, education and church-buildings.

John's last day in office will be 14 March 2014.

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CALLING ALL WORD GAME AND CROSSWORD FANS!

Look out for the next Barton Bendish quiz sheet. There are 60 questions with answers all on a 'Place Names' theme. This quiz will keep you entertained for hours and only costs £1! There is a prize of £15 for the winner. Names of correct entries (or those who have the highest number of correct answers) will be put 'into a hat' and the winner drawn in April. To get your sheet you can contact;

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Quiz sheets are also available in St Andrews Church and at Barton Bendish fund raising events. *(Answers to the last quiz on page s 30 and 31)*

COUNTRYSIDE NOTES

Trees

Until 200 years ago our survival was fairly dependent on two things – wood and iron. Wood provided housing, heating, tools and utensils. Specific species of trees possess different qualities which have been valued for specific purposes.

Ash makes excellent firewood and being strong and flexible is used for making hockey sticks, skis and cricket stumps as well as veneer, furniture and planking. It is ideal for turnery, making handles for axes and hammers and also spokes for wagon wheels.

Beech has a multitude of uses including turnery, joinery, furniture making, flooring, the manufacture of plywood and in buildings.

Birch although generally considered to be the ‘weed’ of woodland, birch has its uses. Many of the jumps used in National Hunt racing and Point to Points are constructed from birch and most brooms and bisoms were once made from it.

Elm was once valued for making wheel hubs, coffins and longbows.

Hazel of all the trees and bushes that grow none is more useful to country folk. Gardeners use it for pea sticks, bean poles, plant supports and short angled pieces to peg down wire netting. Hazel is used for the shafts of fancy carved walking sticks and thatchers make short ‘spars’ which hold in place the reed or straw. It is used to make barrel hoops, wattle fencing and hurdles; untrimmed lengths are tied into ‘faggots’ for use as sea and river defences.

Holly is a popular choice for turnery and carving and also makes a strong walking stick.

Hornbeam is used for flooring, turnery, carving, mallet heads and making the action in keyboard instruments such as pianos.

Oak is very slow growing and over a hundred years old before it’s mature. Its great strength means that once ships were built from it, now it’s used for such things as seats, beams, fencing, gate posts and sea defences as well as veneers and furniture.

Poplar is often grown as wind breaks in exposed areas but wood from this tree is put to very lowly purposes. It was used for making matches and before cheap plastic was cut wafer thin to make ‘chip’ baskets and punnets in which soft fruit was sold. Now it is used for vegetable crates, wood wool and plywood.

Sweet Chestnut is commercially grown in some areas to be cut after about 20 years. Plots are harvested in rotation and made into pale fencing and fencing posts although this practice is becoming increasingly less because of French

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imports. Sweet Chestnut can also be cut after only 2 or 3 years to make walking sticks.

Sycamore is used for flooring, furniture, turnery and veneer.

Walnut and Wild Cherry are some of the most valued timber in Britain both being used for high quality veneers and decorative purposes. They make beautiful furniture and the wooden stocks (butts) of the best quality rifles and shotguns are carved out of walnut.

Willow is famous for making cricket bats, about 12,000 mature trees are felled each year for this purpose. It is also used for basket making and in the past willow was used to make artificial limbs.

Jill Mason

LORD I HAVE A PROBLEM.....

"What is it, Eve?"

I know that you created me and provided this beautiful garden and all of these wonderful animals, especially that hilarious snake, but I'm just not happy."

"And why is that Eve?"

Lord, I'm lonely and I'm sick to death of apples."

"Well, Eve, in that case I have a solution. I shall create a man for you."

"Man? What is that Lord?"

"A flawed creature with many bad traits. He'll lie, cheat and be vain. All in all he'll give you a hard time, but he'll be bigger and faster and will love to hunt, fish and bring you good things to eat. I'll create him in such a way that he will satisfy your physical needs. He will be witless and will revel in childish things like playing cards and knocking a ball around."

"He won't be as smart as you, so he will also need your advice to think properly."

"Sounds great," says Eve, with ironically raised eyebrows, "but what's the catch?"

"Well,..... you can have him on one condition."

"And what's that Lord? "

"Well, since he'll be proud, arrogant and self-admiring, you'll have to let him believe that I made him first. And it will have to be our little secret you know, woman to woman."

GARDENING TIPS NO 42

As I am writing this article and gazing out of the window it looks more like spring than winter despite the early January date. The grass is green, probably too long really for the time of year, and there are a selection of flowers in bloom. Even a rose over an archway down the garden! It's really all a dream because outside the temperature makes one realise that it is still wintertime. However, at least we are not experiencing the terrible flooding that exists in some parts of this country, neither do we have the arctic weather that is currently affecting many hundreds of square miles in the States. Not wishing to be too pessimistic but perhaps we have yet to experience a taste those conditions ourselves!

Putting all that to one side, we are now on the verge of a new gardening season with, we hope, many good things to come. It would be nice have an early season so that we can get all our planned work and planting under way in good time. Having written that, February can be a particularly difficult month in the garden. We can only work when the weather permits. However, do take every opportunity to get outside and clean up all the left over decaying plant material that is laying around. Perennial plant stems, leaves and the like only harbour slugs and snails. If storing dahlia tubers dry, it's time to check them over. Dispose of any rotted or diseased material and carefully rub off any mildewed tubers and then give them a dusting of 'Flowers of Sulphur' if this has not already been done.

As the month progresses and if conditions have warmed and dried the soil then shallots, onion sets, broad beans and even an early row of dwarf peas could be planted. All of these will stand a certain amount of frost but, personally, I like to wait until March when, under normal conditions, they will stand a much better chance of getting away and producing an early crop.

If you have a heated green house or at least one with a propagator then early to the middle of February is the time to make a real start to the season. Seeds like antirrhinums, lobelia, fibrous begonias, geraniums and others similar, take a long time to grow and an early start with these will be to their advantage. Started in a propagator at a temperature of about 12° to 15° C they should germinate quite quickly. I know some gardeners will make a start earlier than this, but other than for sweet peas and onions for show, I have found little advantage without a great deal of heat which, these days, can become a very expensive option!

If not already done do not delay any longer if you are making your own compost, it needs time to mature. I gave formulae for soil based composts in my article at

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this time last year. Early last year I wrote in one of my articles that I was trying a different method of growing tomatoes. I started growing tomatoes in WWII when I planted them straight into the garden soil. I continued this method, apart from a short excursion into the worlds of Ring Culture and then Grow Bags, neither of which I liked, right up to and including 2012. In due course, during that period, I moved them from the open garden into a green house. Up until a few years ago all was well but then I found that, despite changing the soil in the green house every two or three years, supplying adequate manure, other feed and shading, I could not stop the top of the plants wilting in the heat of summer. This, of course, resulted in a considerable loss of fruit. Upon digging the plants out at the end of two successive seasons I noticed that there was very poor root growth and upon checking further I found that the soil was quite wet and very cold, just what tomatoes don't like! This was despite adequate drainage and cultivation to a good depth. However, after due consideration I decided to try growing in plastic pots standing in plastic saucers and in a special compost which I made up myself. To cut a long story short the result was a complete success and I saved a great deal of water over the season because none of it went to waste. The plants were fed into the top of the twelve inch (30.5 cm.) diam., ten inch (25.5 cm.) deep pots twice a week and the main water supply was put into the two inch (5 cm.) deep saucers once a day, early in the morning. One thing is essential, make sure the saucer is standing level! The compost used was a basic No. 3 mix plus a bucket full of sieved dry farmyard manure, a sprinkling of lime and two good handfuls each of bone meal and sulphate of potash. When planting I left enough room in the top of the pots to add another 4 to 5 cm of compost round the plants when they were in strong growth to allow the plants to produce additional feeding roots. I offer this as an item of interest and a more than adequate way to grow as many tomatoes as you could possibly want!

I wish all my readers a very Happy & Healthy New Year and Good Gardening.

Roy Coughtrey



BROADBAND IN BARTON BENDISH

May be of interest for Beachamwell, Boughton and Fincham

Many of you will, like me, be frustrated by the slowness of our broadband service in Barton Bendish. You may, therefore, have been encouraged by the thought that the County Council's 'Better Broadband for Norfolk' project might bring us superfast broadband in the not too distant future. You will then, like me, be hugely disappointed to learn that we have not been selected to get superfast broadband under this programme. The village has, instead, been selected to be part of what is termed Phase Nine of the project: this offers us a minimum speed of 2 Mbps from some time in 2015 onwards. It is possible this might offer 5-10 Mbps speeds but not certain as the technology they are proposing to use has not yet been decided.

On behalf of the Parish Council I have been keeping an eye on the progress of Better Broadband for Norfolk and when it became apparent that it was not going to be the answer to our problems anytime soon, I started to look for alternatives. You may be aware that there are other ways of getting broadband other than through your telephone line so I took a look at these to see if they might be suitable. Essentially there seem to be three options:

Individual Satellite Broadband: this can offer speeds of 20 Mbps but would essentially be a personal choice for every individual (there are several suppliers) and certainly isn't cheap as there are significant setup costs plus highish monthly fees if you actually download very much.

ThinkingWISP: this is a Norwich based service but unfortunately its technology only manages to reach as far as Swaffham at the moment.

WiSpire is the third option: This is a joint venture between FreeClix and the Diocese of Norwich which uses church towers as fixed wireless locations creating a network. A receiver is attached to the house and this connects by cable to a wireless router in your home. Apparently the transmitter in the church tower can produce a bubble of up to 5 km radius so it might also cover Beachamwell, Boughton and Fincham. WiSpire offers 3 levels of home service, each is subject to a £59.99 connection fee and a 30 day rolling contract (there is a more expensive monthly option without connection fee but this ties you in for 12 months and is more expensive over those 12 months). The three levels are:
a) **Home**, download speed up to 4 Mbps, up load up to 500 kbps, monthly download limit 2GB, cost £13 pcm

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b) **Home Plus** download speed up to 6 Mbps, up load up to 1 Mbps, monthly limit 10 GB, cost £20 pcm

c) **Home Free**, download speed up to 8 Mbps, up load up to 1 Mbps, unlimited usage, cost £25 pcm.

I have spoken with the Sales Director at WiSpire and whilst Barton Bendish is not part of the Norwich Diocese this is not apparently a problem, they have had discussions with Ely Diocese already. Expressions of interest from 25 households would seemingly be enough to trigger a positive response from WiSpire. If this interests you then there are two things you can do, firstly e-mail me (linntim@btinternet.com) to let me know and secondly log on to the WiSpire website and register your interest there (www.wispire.co.uk). If you live in Beachamwell, Boughton or Fincham, please do the same things as it seems to me the bigger the response the more likely we are to get a positive response from WiSpire. Registering interest on the WiSpire website does not appear to commit you to anything.

Tim Webster



INCINERATOR UPDATE

The planning decision is still not known. Opponents of the incinerator have pointed to Wheelabrator's record arguing that Norfolk cannot afford to have a "High Priority Violator" (HPV) here. This is the term used by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to describe some Wheelabrator incinerators in America. According to the official EPA web site. Five Wheelabrator facilities are currently listed as violating various environmental laws including the Clean Air Act. Fourteen had formal enforcement action taken against them within the last 5 years. With the King's Lynn incinerator proposed for a location upwind of the town and existing air quality already poor in some areas pollution is an important issue. During the planning inquiry KLWIN asked Cory Wheelabrator for their intended filter specification but they declined to provide it. Even after a price reduction the Willows incinerator still represents the most expensive alternative to landfill at £105 per tonne. West Norfolk Borough Council's green alternative is much cheaper costing only £55 per tonne to recycle waste. Material Works have secured £100 million of private funding and Environment Agency certification for their process, which transforms waste into composite building materials; creating around 200 jobs. Economically and environmentally it is better than burning.

If the incinerator were to go ahead it would represent a gross injustice. West Norfolk would be recycling virtually all its waste while at the same time being forced to burn it from the rest of Norfolk. County Council officials have still not given a convincing reason why Norfolk should pay inflated prices for incineration over the next 25 years.

For more information visit: www.farmerscampaign.org and www.klwin.com.

Fund Raising Event

Coffee and Crafts Feb 22nd 2014

Fairgreen Farms, Hill Road, Middleton, PE32 1RN. Doors open 9 till 12:30.

Tel 01553 840640 for more details.

Mike Knights

Fairgreen Farms, Middleton

info@farmerscampaign.org

EAST ANGLIAN AIR AMBULANCE

As well as beautiful countryside, scenic coast lines and thriving towns, the



people of East Anglia have something else to be grateful for! The East Anglian Air Ambulance is delighted to announce that it is now operating a full night-time Helicopter Emergency Medical Service (HEMS). The HEMS team will cover all six counties covered by the East of England Ambulance Service between the hours of 5pm to 1am.

Achieving night flying approval couldn't be more timely. As the evenings draw in, and many of us are travelling to and from work in the dark, it is reassuring to know that should the unthinkable happen, the East Anglian Air Ambulance will be there to help.

This is new ground for the Civil Aviation Authority, the UK aviation regulator, as well as for the EAAA. To finally get approval for night-time missions took almost a year. It was then necessary for our pilots, paramedics and doctors to receive extensive training.

The aircraft had to be modified to accommodate working with night vision goggles (NVG). Lighting in the cockpit was changed and additional room was required to accommodate the pilot's NVG. It was also essential to install a more sophisticated navigation system; as well as a Power line Detection System, a Trakka searchlight for the undercarriage and put fluorescent markings on all equipment!

And when all these modifications had been approved the actual flight testing begins! A very long and challenging process, but incredibly rewarding if it means we can help more people in East Anglia.

The EAAA is a 365-day helicopter emergency medical service which covers Norfolk, Suffolk, Cambridgeshire and Bedfordshire. With a medical crew highly trained in critical care, we bring the emergency room to the patient within 25 minutes and can then transport them to the most appropriate hospital if needed. Since our launch in 2000, we have attended over 12,500 life-saving missions.

For more information about the East Anglian Air Ambulance or to find out how you can support our work, please visit our website www.eaaa.org.uk

EATING IN THE FIFTIES

Pasta had not been invented.

Curry was a surname.

A takeaway was a mathematical problem.

A pizza was something to do with a leaning tower.

Bananas and oranges only appeared at Christmas time.

All crisps were plain, the only choice we had was whether to put the salt on or not.

A Chinese chippy was a foreign carpenter.

Rice was a milk pudding and never ever part of our dinner.

A Big Mac was what we wore when it was raining.

Brown bread was something only poor people ate.

Oil was for lubricating, fat was for cooking

Tea was made in a teapot using tea leaves and never green.

Coffee was Camp and came in a bottle.

Cubed sugar was regarded as posh.

Only Heinz made beans.

Fish didn't have fingers in those days.

Eating raw fish was called poverty not sushi.

None of us had ever heard of yogurt.

Healthy food consisted of anything edible.

People who didn't peel potatoes were regarded as lazy.

Indian restaurants were only found in India.

Cooking outside was called camping.

Seaweed was not a recognised food.

"Kebab" was not even a word never mind a food.

Sugar enjoyed a good press in those days and was regarded as being white gold.

Prunes were medicinal.

Surprisingly muesli was readily available, it was called cattle feed.

Pineapples came in chunks in a tin and we had only ever seen a picture of a real one.

Water came out of the tap and if someone had suggested bottling it and charging more than petrol for it they would have become a laughing stock.

The one thing that we never ever had on our table in the fifties**elbows!**

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Valentine Biscuits



Ingredients

- 8 oz SR Flour
- 4oz Castor Sugar
- 4oz margarine or butter
- 1 beaten egg
- The rind and juice of half a lemon

Method

1. Mix flour and sugar in a bowl
2. Rub in margarine or butter until it looks like breadcrumbs
3. Add grated rind of lemon
4. Mix to a stiff paste with beaten egg and lemon juice
5. Roll out thinly and cut into heart shapes
6. Place on a greased baking tray
7. Bake for about 15 minutes. Gas 4.; Electric 350(F); 180°C
8. Decorate to suit your taste



GREAT BRITISH FISH AND CHIP SUPPER FRIDAY 16TH MAY 2014

**“Hold a Fish and Chip Supper to help
spinal cord injured
people rebuild lives after injury”**



Want to eat Fish and Chips, while raising money for **spinal injuries association** charity? Hold a fish and chip supper on Friday 16th May 2014 whilst raising awareness of spinal cord injury and supporting SIA's vital services.

You can hold a fish and chip supper in your own home, at work or hold a larger supper at your local community centre.

SIA will provide a fundraising pack containing hints and tips, recipes, invitations and donation envelopes. By inviting 8 friends and asking them to donate an additional £5.00 means you will raise at least £40.00 from your supper but we will also give you additional fundraising ideas to raise even more money for SIA. In 2014 SIA is celebrating its 40th anniversary and so we want to make the batter matter and raise £25,000 from everyone holding suppers. Last year we raised £12,500 from the suppers.

The money raised from the suppers will help the Spinal Injuries Association offer support to individuals who become paralysed and their families, from the moment a spinal injury occurs and for the rest of their lives by providing services and publications which enable and encourage paralysed people to rebuild lives after spinal cord injury.

Every year in the UK over 1,000 people experience a spinal cord injury and there are an estimated 40,000 spinal cord injured people in the UK alone.

Community Fundraising Manager, Elizabeth Wright, says, “The Fish and Chip Supper is a wonderful opportunity for a great evening with friends and family. We are also encouraging people who work to hold a Fish and Chip Lunch in their work places to raise even more funds. You may be even a local community group wanting to run a fun evening with your group.

For more information or request a fundraising pack call Elizabeth Wright on:-

- 0845 071 4350
- email fundraising@siafishandchips.co.uk
- www.siafishandchips.co.uk

OLYMPIC LEGACY HELPS LOCAL WOMEN GET FIT

Young women aged 18-25 are being offered the chance to boost their fitness and improve their health and wellbeing for just £10 with six-week gym courses starting soon at leisure centres in Breckland.

The courses planned for leisure centres in Thetford, Dereham, Swaffham and Attleborough start in February and are subsidised by Sport England's £56m Sportivate project, designed to deliver a lasting legacy from Britain's hosting of the 2012 Olympics.

Cllr Lynda Turner, Executive Member for Communities and Environmental Services, said: "Young people aged 18-25 are key targets for the Sportivate funding because sports activity drops off dramatically for many after they leave school, so this is the most challenging group, and within that group the females are even more challenging.

The Sportivate subsidy means savings of more than £70 for anyone who completes the six-week programme and takes up the 'course reward' for attending five out of six sessions: An extra reward for regular attendees is a free one-to-one programme with an instructor, as well as an extra free gym session.

The first courses start at Thetford and Swaffham on Monday February 3, followed by Dereham on February 4 and Attleborough on February 7. Courses must be booked at the reception of the site where the participants would like to do the course. For more information and to find out how to book please contact the specific leisure centre reception:-

Attleborough Sports Centre (01953 454116);

Thetford Leisure Centre & Waterworld (01842 753110)

Dereham Leisure Centre (01362 693419); Swaffham Leisure Centre (01760 724046)

BREATHE EASY WALKS

Are you returning to exercise or recovering from illness or injury or just like a short walk??

Why not join our Breathe Easy group for a short walk in Thetford every Wednesday? The walks have 2 start points: the free car park near the Riverside Kiosk, behind the library, Thetford, IP24 2AG or from Cloverfields Community Centre, Yarrow Close, Thetford, IP24 2TZ. If you are interested please just turn up or call Tiny for more information on 07900670648. All walks are suitable for wheel chairs and buggies.

COUNTDOWN TO THE 2014 BRECKLAND BOOK FESTIVAL

Bigger and better than ever, with best-selling authors, storytelling evenings, live literature walks and a poetry competition, the Breckland Book Festival is back for a third year!

At the launch event on 26 February celebrated author Louis de Bernieres will read from his first collection of verse, published in August 2013. He will be joined by Scary Little Girls, a performance company back by popular demand to recreate characters from literature - with their own unique slant!

Funded by Breckland Council with support from Arts Council England, the Festival aims to support local libraries and inspire residents to get reading. Creative Arts East (CAE) has organised the programme and will manage the Festival in partnership with Norfolk Library and Information Service.

Lynda Turner, Breckland Council Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Community and Environmental Services, said; "There's nothing better than settling down with a good book. Reading is the key that unlocks doors to imagination, knowledge and to the world around us. I hope the Festival will inspire people to discover new authors and make use of our local libraries".

Treats include acclaimed crime writer Sophie Hannah, Susan Hill (author of the chilling 'Woman in Black'), Jon Canter (scriptwriter for Lenny Henry and Rowan Atkinson) and the popular children's author Paeony Lewis. There's also live literature walks around Thetford and a poetry workshop with Festival Poet Andrea Holland. Jill Dawson's book 'Lucky Bunny', the Daily Telegraph's 2011 Book of the Year, is the Festival's recommended read. Extra copies have been ordered by local libraries and there will be two opportunities to meet the author during the course of the Festival.

Festival programmes with details of all the events can be found in Breckland libraries, Breckland Council and Town Council offices, Thetford and Attleborough Tourist Offices, CAE carousels and local cafes and shops. Alternatively, call the Festival team at Creative Arts East on 01953 713390, email sam@creativeartseast.co.uk or look on the Festival Website www.brecklandbookfestival.com, where the Festival programme can be downloaded.



Sophie Hannah



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To avoid disappointment, please book events in advance on 01366 327242, unless otherwise stated. A small booking fee applies to bookable events.

FEBRUARY

Snowdrop Walks

Weekends 1 Feb - 9 March, and all week half term, starting at 11am and 2pm each day

Join us for a guided walk around the Hall's woodlands to take in the stunning carpets of snowdrops, aconites, and other spring flowers. Please be aware that depending on the weather conditions there may be a few snowdrops or many, but there is always plenty to see! The estate will be open to roam freely, and trails are available for families.

Normal admission.

House Tours

15 - 26 February Saturday – Wednesday

Tours at 12noon, 1pm, 2pm and 2.30pm.

Your chance for a guided tour of the house before it opens for the season. Learn the fascinating history of Oxburgh Hall from one of our expert guides.

Normal admission.

Garden and Estate open every day during half-term from 15 - 21 February, 11am - 4pm.

Normal admission.

Woodland Coppicing Family Day

Wednesday 19 February 10am – 12noon.

Bring the family and try coppicing, a traditional way of managing Oxburgh's sustainable woodland. Find out how to identify trees, how to use tools and work together to care for this important habitat. In the future, you will be able to watch the new shoots develop and see how much the local wildlife appreciates the improvements you've made!

Free event, but please pre-book via 01366 328258.



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Thursday February 6th

7.30pm

Beachamwell Village Hall

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Fincham

Coffee Morning

Wednesday February 12th

10.00 - 12 noon

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Beachamwell Quiz

Friday February 14th

Memorial Hall

£10 per table of 4

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Beachamwell

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Wednesday February 12th

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Tuesday February 18th
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Beachamwell Afternoon Tea and a Chat.....

**Wednesday
February 19th**
2 - 4pm

Beachamwell
Memorial Hall

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Classical Music Concert

**David Angel and Michal Kaznowski
of The Maggini Quartet**

Sunday February 23rd 3.00
Swaffham Assembly Rooms

£7.00 for members: £10 non-members
Accompanied children free

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Nar Valley Ornithological Society (NarVOS)

Tuesday 25th February 7.30pm
The Barn Theatre

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An illustrated talk by Chris Knights

Chris Knights is well known to many as a Breckland farmer, conservationist, award winning photographer, film maker – and a member of NarVOS. This talk by Chris is as yet untitled as was his talk to NarVOS last year, for which we had a record attendance. This one is bound to be just as enthralling, entertaining and informative with superb photography.

Visitors most welcome. Admission £2 on the night if you are not a NarVOS member

Enquiries:
Ian Black 01760 724092

Wereham Messy Church

Thursday

February 27th

4.00pm - 5.30.00pm

Starts in the Church followed by activities and a free meal in the Village Hall.

Messy Church is a service for families. It will include a story, singing, drama and activities to do together as a family. A hot meal and pudding will be provided free of charge for everyone who comes.

This service is guaranteed not to be boring.

There will be no long-winded sermons.

No-one will disapprove of the children making a noise.

If you enjoyed Wereham's Nativity service before Christmas this will be something for you.

Don't miss it.

We are looking forward to seeing you there.

**To book a place or for further information please contact Debbie or Ian Rye
01366 502083**

Or call in at The Old Chapel by the Pond

Beachamwell

Craft Group

Thursday February 27th

2 – 4.30pm

Beachamwell Memorial Hall

Bring along something you are already working on or start a new hobby in a friendly group of like minded people.

£2.00 + Bring & Buy

All welcome.

Enquiries:

Leah Spencer 01366 328536



The Breckland Society

Friday February 28th

7.00 pm

**The Archaeology of Breckland:
Barrows, Warrens and Volunteer Monitoring**

David Robertson
(Norfolk Archaeology Department)

Mundford Village Hall

Members: £5.00

Non-members £8.00

Booking is essential

Sue Pennell 01366 328452

'The Western Isles' An Illustrated Talk by David Mason

**Boughton All Saints'
Village Centre**

Saturday 1st March, 7:30pm

Come and join us for a fascinating evening talk accompanied by David's superb photographs of the wildlife and landscape of the area

Tickets £5 including light refreshments

Please contact Sue on 01366 500461 or
Debbie on 01366 502224
to book your place

'A Boughton Village Caravan Production'

Barton Bendish

**History of Barton Bendish
and the Locality**

**An Illustrated Talk
by David Mason**

**Wednesday March 5th
7.30**

Barton Bendish Village Hall

Tickets £4.00 includes light refreshments.

Please book in advance

Enquiries and Bookings

Mhari Blanchfield: 01366 347 849

Linda Webster: 01366 347 563

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Wereham

Quiz

**Saturday March 8th
Village Hall
7.30**

Enquiries
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Wereham

Pamper Evening

**Friday March 21st
Village Hall**

Enquiries
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Friday 14th March
6.30 pm onwards**

Beachamwell Memorial Hall



Bring your friends

Licensed Bar with selection of beers,
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Enquiries

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*A Beachamwell Memorial Committee
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Barton Bendish

Quiz

Saturday March 29th

**Village Hall
7.30**

£3.50 per person
Teams up to 6 people

Bring your own food and drink, although
coffee and tea will be available

To book a table call

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Friday 4th April 7.30pm

Village Hall

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Raffle and Refreshments

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WALKING WEEKEND

Saturday April 5th & Sunday April 6th

Guided walks – long, medium & short
10.00am, 10.30am and 2pm (Free)

Exhibitions & Displays (Free)

Village Hall 10am – 4pm

Refreshments

Mark Cocker

"Meet the Neighbours: the Wildlife Around Us"

Saturday 5 April, 7.30pm,

Beachamwell Memorial Hall

Tickets: £6 inc glass of wine/soft drink

Enquiries: Philip Spencer 01366 328536

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FESTIVAL OF FLOWERS

SATURDAY 26TH & SUNDAY 27TH JULY 2014



This year's Festival of Flowers, which will again be held jointly with Barton Bendish, will be held in St Mary's Church, Beachamwell.

The theme will be "Celebrations and Commemorations" as there are many events that people would like to celebrate and this year thoughts will also be with the commemorations of the start of The Great War in 1914. We hope many of you will feel able to get involved in this event and a circular will be sent out in the Spring asking for people to take part both with making a floral arrangement or by helping in other ways.

It is not essential to keep to the theme if you would rather not and we will be delighted to have offers of all types of flower arrangements. We would particularly like to hear from some-one who is willing to make our war memorial look very special.

Beachamwell	Sonia Williams	01366 328774	williamsoldies@gmail.com
Beachamwell	Gill Sanderson	01366 328818	
Barton Bendish	Linda Webster	01366 347563	lrintim@btinternet.com
Barton Bendish	Mhari Blanchfield	01366 347849	Mhari.blanchfield@gmail.com

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Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2013

Coffee Morning	£348.20
Donations received later	£15.00
Poppy Sales in Barton Bendish and Eastmoor	£172.45
Poppy Sales in the Berney Arms	£126.09
The total donated to Downham Market Branch Royal British Legion	£661.74

I would like to say a big thank you to all who helped in any way with this yearly event. To all who donated such wonderful raffle prizes, lovely cakes both to the cake stall and refreshments, two bottles of whisky which we raffled separately, the people who worked so hard on the morning and to those who gave of their time to attend and drink a cup of coffee.

The Royal British Legion have been doing wonderful and compassionate work for ex Service men and women and their dependants since 1921 right up to this present time. Their only income is by public donation, mostly from the sale of poppies. I am continuously grateful for all the support and generosity I receive in helping their work.

Freda Rumball

Wreath Making

Wreath making this year saw the addition of a morning workshop to the usual Thursday and Friday evening sessions. A good number of ladies and one very brave gentleman, all made beautiful and unique natural wreaths out of local foliage that was kindly donated by various people in the village. After their hard work on the Thursday morning many took up the option of a delicious lunch across the road at The Berney Arms. This proved to be so popular that we hope to repeat the morning workshop and lunch in 2014. It was lovely to have Fiona Robinson and her beautiful display of Pheonix Cards and gifts. Lots of Christmas cards, wrapping paper and general occasion cards which most found too good to resist! Many thanks to all who helped. Jill and Zach for their help with refreshments, for those who gave greenery from their gardens and to all who came and made a wreath. Just over £900 was raised.

Mhari Blanchfield and Linda Webster

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Victorian Evening

There can't be many little villages that put on their own Royal Variety Performance especially for the Queen! However it happened in Barton - our Victorian Evening of Entertainment and Carols was graced by no lesser person than Queen Victoria herself! (AKA Babs Porter)

The Hall was packed with people on the night of December 14th, some of whom were wearing Victorian costumes. The evening began with pieces from Brenda (including a poem she wrote herself about people in Barton), Bill who reported on Nelson encountering problems with health and safety regulations and noted (courtesy of Pam Ayres) that, for many people, Tesco has become their church and Robin who also played the tin whistle. Their recitations were interspersed with appearances of first the Singing Shepherd and later his twin brother The Vocal Yokel. Added to this mix were Barton's junior singers, Emily, James, Zach and Quinn.

A lively first half was followed by the more serious aspect of Christmas with readings from the Bible firstly by Freda and Jesse and then after a carol or two by Linda and Mhari. Finally Reverend Barbara, as well as having introduced the acts, reminded us of the true meaning of Christmas with prayers celebrating the birth of Jesus.

Musical accompaniment was brilliantly provided throughout by Tom Golden and the evening concluded with mulled wine and a delicious selection of cakes.

This get-together provided a fitting prelude to the Christmas festivities for 2013 and I'm sure was enjoyed by everyone. We owe a big thank you to Linda and Mhari for organizing it, to the performers and the cake makers.

PS Linda and Mhari would like to collect clothing so that it could be borrowed for this event so more people are able to dress up if they would like to, so if anyone comes across long skirts Victorian style blouses or jackets etc that they don't want please could they have them!!!

Christingle

Thank you to all who came and took part in our Christingle service in December. It was lovely to see so many children in church not only enjoying the Christingles but also taking part in the service. A great way to start the Festive Season.

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Barton Carol Singers: On the windy, but thankfully dry, evening of December 21st most of the households actually in the village were serenaded with carols by a group of carol singers and what a delightful sound it was. Accompanied by Emily, James and Zach plus Jock the Border terrier (who also joined in the singing) they trooped from house to house in the old traditional manner. It was made even nicer because instead of collecting money sweets were handing out. Thanks to them all including Mhari's Mum and Dad who got roped in having only just arrived from the north of Scotland!

News From St. Andrew's Church: Thank you to all those people who took part in our carol singing group. Singing carols and giving out sweets was our way of saying thank you to the people of the village who had supported us in all our fundraising events throughout the year and we were very pleased to receive such a warm welcomes. Our apologies to the households we were unable to call upon, hopefully we can rectify that next year!

A huge vote of thanks also to all participants in the Victorian Evening of Entertainment and Carols and to everyone who provided cakes and refreshment. The village hall was once again packed to the rafters, and it was great to see so many people 'dressed up' for the occasion, though I think all Victorians were overshadowed by the monarch herself - many thanks Babs for being such a good sport!! It truly was a carol service with a difference!

Forthcoming services: The pattern of our services at St Andrew's is changing in an attempt to provide a broader range of worship to suit all preferences.

We are returning to our former time of 11am on the second Sunday of the month with a Family Service including Holy Communion. This service is suitable for all ages and is relaxed (children of all ages are encouraged),- whether you wish to take communion or not, you are very welcome.

The service on the fourth Sunday of the month at 6pm will be Evensong and the service type - Common Worship or BCP will alternate. The February service will be BCP. Again everyone is very welcome.

Please remember with both these services that whilst we guarantee you a warm welcome our church can be chilly, so please dress warmly!

Flower Rota: February Mrs Rumball, March No flowers in Lent, April, All arrangers please – Church fully decorated for Easter.

Mhari Blanchfield and Linda Webster

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Ordinary Parish Council Meeting 26th November, 2013

The meeting was attended by six Parish Councillors, one Borough Councillor, the Parish Clerk and three members of the public.

The planned work on the base of the War Memorial will be completed in time for the anniversary of the outbreak of WW1. Commemoration activities will include the planting of poppies around the village.

Fifteen parishioners were nominated to attend the RAF Marham Christmas Lunch on 4th December 2013.

The Council formally recorded its thanks to all those who have been involved in contributing so much towards the quality of the village life by organising and supporting so many events and functions throughout the year.

The next meeting of Barton Bendish Parish Council will be held on Wednesday, 8th January 2014. ***Lt Col I.R.Berchem, Parish Clerk***

History of Barton Bendish – Illustrated talk – repeated 5th March

On 28th November Barton's village hall was the venue for a 'sell out' talk by David Mason on the history of the village and surrounding area. These fascinating glimpses of times gone by were illustrated throughout by photographs of people and places, and along with many anecdotes, sparked vivid memories from the audience. Jill Mason read extracts from a diary and a letter from two people who lived in Barton Bendish many years ago. They told of their lives and the personal details made it all very real.

A huge 'thank you' to David and Jill for such a memorable evening when over £300 was raised. Thank you also to everyone who provided the delicious refreshments.

As mentioned above, the talk was a 'sell out', with many people unable to get a ticket, so David and Jill have kindly agreed to give the presentation again on March 5th, 7.30pm at Barton Bendish Village Hall. Tickets are £4, payable on the night. Please contact Linda (347563) or Mhari (347849) to reserve your place.

Other Talks

David is presenting his talk on the Western Isles (Scotland) at Boughton on March 1st and 'Wild Breckland' in aid of the Swaffham and Litcham Home Hospice at Cockley Cley Hall on Friday March 7th. Please phone 01760 336645 for further details.

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Barton Bendish Quiz Sheet Answers

Thank you to all you who took part in our quiz. There were eight people who scored 80 out of 80. Their names were put into a draw and the winner was Mrs V Woody from Swaffham. We are pleased to say that approximately 120 people took part. Many thanks as always to the people who sell the quiz sheets on our behalf. Other charitable organisations are welcome to use part or all of this quiz sheet but we ask that a donation is made to St Andrew's Church Fund. May we take this opportunity to thank you all for your support in buying the quiz sheets and taking part in the quizzes throughout the year.

We are always looking for more places or people willing to sell quiz sheets for us – if you think you could help we would love to hear from you.

The next quiz sheet is now available and has the theme of 'UK Place Names'. Many thanks to Valerie McAllister who devised most of the questions for this sheet. (see page 5 for details)

The answers were:

1. Ringo's Bond Girl (7,4): Barbara Bach
2. Right on cue, Alex (9,7): Hurricane Higgins
3. An American author who lives in Norfolk (4,6): Bill Bryson
4. A MASH star but not a potato (4,4): Alan Alda
5. The original Dambuster (3,6): Guy Gibson
6. Sundance (6,7): Robert Redford
7. One of Charlie's originals (6,7): Farrah Fawcett
8. Jeff's brother (4, 7): Beau Bridges
9. Her tattooed bottom hit the headlines recently (6,4): Cheryl Cole
10. Pop artist, died aged 27 (5,6): Janis Joplin
11. Former sex symbol actress turned animal rights campaigner (7 or 8, 6): Bridget or Brigitte Bardot
12. Crossed a desert for an Egyptian beer (6,4): Sylvia Sims
13. One-time deputy PM (6,8): Willie Whitelaw
14. Married to Sharon, children include Kelly and Jack (4,8): Ozzy Osbourne
15. Loud voice and large beard (5,7): Brian Blessed
16. Founded the holiday camps (5,6): Billy Butlin
17. Austin with any powers (4,5): Mike Myers
18. Vera (6,7): Brenda Blethyn
19. Dubya's Mum (74): Barbara Bush
20. Had the most appropriate cricketing initials (5,7): Colin Cowdrey
21. TV comedian with flatulence (5,4): Harry Hill
22. 57 varieties (5,5): Henry Heinz
23. Worked with Bernie the Bolt (4,5): Anne Aston
24. Cat impersonating politician (6,8): George Galloway
25. Invented the hovercraft (11,9): Christopher Cockerell
26. Remember him in Taxi? (5,6): Danny DeVito
27. Simply the best! (4,6) Tina Turner
28. Twice Newcastle manager (5,6): Kevin Keegan
29. Zara's brother

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(5,8): Peter Phillips 30. Madam Speaker (5,9): Betty Boothroyd 31. Is the orange glow an antique patina? (5,9): David Dickinson 32. Combines a small orange and an insurance ad (10,9): Clementine Churchill 33. Potted artist (7,5): Clarice Cliff 34. Now get out of that! (5,7): Harry Houdini 35. Wrote Moll Flanders (6,5): Daniel Defoe 36. Killed by Robert Ford (5,5): Jesse James 37. Way out glasses but not Elton John (4,7): Edna Everage 38. Washed his hands (7,6): Pontius Pilate 39. Had a blue period (5, 7): Pablo Picasso 40. Antislavery campaigner (7, 11): William Wilberforce 41. Sometime editor of Punch (7,10): Malcolm Muggeridge 42. A feminist Sheila? (8,5): Germaine Greer 43. 1492 was a big year for him (11,8): Christopher Columbus 44. Frankly my dear I don't give a damn (8,8) : Margaret Mitchell 45. Canadian or British pugilist (6,5): Lennox Lewis 46. Completely Pointless (9,9): Alexander Armstrong 47. Did this eagle soar? (5,7): Eddie Edwards 48. French mime artist (6,7): Marcel Marceau 49. Eleven time Grand Slam winner (5,4): Bjorn Borg 50. William named after a large bovine (7,4): Buffalo Bill 51. A Walter Scott hero (3,3): Rob Roy 52. The Louisville Lip (7,4): Cassius Clay 53. 40th President (6,6): Ronald Reagan 54. Question of Sport captain (4,8): Bill Beaumont 55. Not a pro but first to take the baby pictures (7,9): Michael Middleton 56. Calamity Jane (5,3): Doris Day 57. Channel Island beauty (6,7): Lillie Langtry 58. Rambo (9,8): Sylvester Stallone 59. Downing Street style guru (6,6): Carole Caplin 60. Black and white lovable tramp! (7,7): Charlie Chaplin 61. Owned TWA (6,6): Howard Hughes 62 Dancing Bond girl (5,9): Fiona Fullerton 63. Portal to the Goddess of Hunting (5,4): Diana Dors 64. Does she want to be alone? (5,5): Greta Garbo 65. Porthos three times (5,6): Frank Finlay 66. Amidst the daffodils (7,10): William Wordsworth 67. The boy who never grew up (5,3): Peter Pan 68. Some liked it hot (7,6): Marilyn Monroe 69. Is this insect absolutely sure (4,3): Adam Ant 70. This stone age man had a yabadabadoo time (4,10): Fred Flintstone 71. Rhapsody in blue (6,8): George Gershwin 72. She will survive (6,6): Gloria Gaynor 73. Dracula plays snooker (3,7):Ray Reardon 74. X-factor winner (5,5): Leona Lewis 75. German Wimbledon winner (5,6): Boris Becker 76. Irishman writing of an ancient Greek? (5,5): James Joyce 77. Owner of Charlie's chocolate prize(5,5): Willy Wonka 78. Not from Aylesbury (6,4): Donald Duck 79. Founded Walt's fortune (6,5): Mickey Mouse 80. Batting coach from Essex (6,5): Graham Gooch

(Well done to all concerned for these most enjoyable quizzes - Ed)

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Richard Brunton

Richard passed away on Christmas Day. Condolences to Sue and the family. They were overwhelmed by the support they received at the funeral.

Charles MacNeill



Charles passed away peacefully on January 13th. He came to Beachamwell in 1976 and lived here for many years.

Our condolences to Margaret and his family

St. Mary's Church

Firstly, on behalf of the Churchwardens and PCC, I would like to wish you all a Very Happy New Year.

I would also like, again on behalf of the Churchwardens and PCC, to thank to thank everyone who decorated the church so beautifully for Christmas and also like to thank the ladies who regularly make the church look so lovely with their flower arrangements. Thank you as well to Betty Phillpot for making the advent ring again this year.

I would also like to thank Eileen Powell very much indeed for continuing to organise the flower rota which means there are always fresh flowers in the church and the brass is cleaned.

There were approximately 100 people at the Carols by Candlelight Service and as usual the the Church was beautifully decorated with flowers and a Christmas tree and lit with many candles. Everyone enjoyed the traditional Carols and Readings and the singing of the Choir. We all also enjoyed the hot mulled wine and mince pies after the Service. Once again we would like to thank Gill Sanderson for organising this Service and the refreshments.

The church continues to be open daily until dusk and this has proved very popular with visitors as well as people living in Beachamwell. Norwich Diocese produces a book advising which churches are open daily and we are now listed so we may soon have even more visitors. I would like to thank everyone who is on the rota to open and shut the church daily and also to thank Ian Phillpot for organising it. Most of the church brass is now locked away but will be put back at Easter and Christmas and for some other special services.

I am delighted to tell you that we have just had a very generous donation for the

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porch restoration project which means we are now half way towards the estimated cost of £12, This is particularly important as reaching 50% of the estimated cost has enabled us to apply for another grant towards the project. The paperwork for the porch restoration project is with The Registrar in Westminster and English Heritage at the moment and I am hoping for their agreement to our proposal within the next few weeks. We continue to have two services at month in Beachamwell. We hold a Holy Communion Service on the first Sunday of the month at 11 a m and a Morning Prayer/Family Service on the third Sunday of the month again at 11 a m.

Our monthly Scrabble Afternoons will continue on the 2nd Wednesday of each month – the next one being Wednesday 12th February at Orchard House. This is not a highly competitive afternoon – just an enjoyable way to stretch the mind a little bit with tea and scones half way - so why not join us?

Our monthly Afternoon Tea will continue on the 3rd Wednesday of each month – the next one being held on Wednesday 19th February in Beachamwell Memorial Hall from 2 – 4 p.m. We hope to see you there.

Two important dates for your diary.

Beachamwell Open Gardens will be held on Sunday 1st June this year.

The Flower Festival held jointly with Barton Bendish will be held in Beachamwell this year and the theme will be “Celebrations and Commemorations” as we felt there are many events that people would like to celebrate and also in this particular year thoughts will be with commemorating the start of The Great War in 1914.

Graham Williams

St. Mary's Flower & Brass Cleaning Rota

Many thanks to Brenda Branch, Jenny Gabrielsen, Heidi Hale, Diana Lambert, Olwyn Locke, Betty Phillpot, Eileen Powell, Gill Sanderson, Sonia Williams and Carole Wilson who very kindly and generously decorated the Church for Christmas.

February Rota: 2nd Diana Lambert, 9th Olwyn Locke, 16th Betty Phillpot, 23rd Eileen Powell

If anyone is interested in joining the Flower Rota please contact me and I will explain what is involved.

Eileen Powell

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Wednesday Walkers

The last Wednesday Walk of 2013 culminated in a festive lunch with fourteen

Walkers sitting down to soup and mince pies in the Village Hall.



that took us past the ruins of both All Saints and St Johns

The programme of walks for 2014 started on 8th January with a rather leisurely yomp which took us past the ruins of both All Saints and St Johns churches on yet another wonderfully bright and mild winter morning.



Our next walk will be on Wednesday, 5th February, starting at 10.00 a.m. from the Village Hall – do come and join us!

Sue Pennell

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Connecting Threads - Walking Weekend An Evening with Mark Cocker

Author and naturalist Mark Cocker will be appearing at Beachamwell's Walking Weekend in April.



In his presentation 'Meet the Neighbours' he reveals the wonders of wildlife that live around us. Mark is one of Britain's foremost writers on nature and contributes regularly to the Guardian, the Times Literary Supplement, as well as BBC Radio Four. He is the author of several books including the universally acclaimed *Birds Britannica* (with Richard Mabey) and *Crow Country* ("Fabulous — an extraordinary revelation of riches and wonders and that lie at our doorsteps" – The Independent). For the last ten years he has been researching a ground-breaking study in natural history and cultural anthropology *Birds and People* which was published in 2013. It surveys the significance of birds across the

world and is illustrated with images from British wildlife photographer David Tipling. The critics said: "uniquely beautiful and engrossing", "full of intense pleasure" and "spellbinding".

Mark Cocker 'Meet the Neighbours' is at Beachamwell Memorial Village Hall on Saturday 5 April 2014 at 7.30pm. Tickets are £6 – including glass of wine/soft drink. For all enquiries about tickets and the Beachamwell Walking Weekend please contact:

Philip Spencer 01366 328536 or visit www.exploringourfootpaths.co.uk

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The December meeting is always a festive one. This year we were entertained by Tom Golden who played festive Christmas songs and we enjoyed singing along.



Leah Spencer and her friend Irma Fowler read

Christmas Stories which worked well with the songs. We all really enjoyed the evening and it put us in the Christmas Spirit. The buffet food provided by everybody was pretty good too. We all took a parcel from the Bran Tub and I hope nobody

opened it until Christmas Day!

Heidi informed us that the Christmas Fayre raised a fantastic sum of £450+ so thanks to everybody who came and spent some money. We had good feed back



and we hope to repeat the event in 2014.

The new Committee was announced:-

President Vesna Hudson, Vice President Irene Ranner, Treasurer Heidi Hale, Secretary Jenny Gabrielsen, Committee Eileen Powell and Carole Wilson.

Val Sidey had a lucky evening because she won the raffle, flower of the month and the competition.

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Eileen gave the Thought for the Month:

“Life is too short to wake up with regrets. So love the people who treat you right. Forget about the ones who don’t. Believe that everything happens for a reason. If you get a second chance, grab it with both hands. If it changes your life, let it. Nobody said life would be easy, they just promised it would be worth it.”

New Members are always welcome.

Carole Wilson Photographs by Eileen Powell

The January meeting was once again very interesting. The speaker for the



evening was Mr George Gearing from Swaffham Home Start. It was a thought provoking talk. He showed a DVD which illustrated the feelings of one recipient who had received help and support from Home Start.

Two new members, Leah Spencer and Anita Horgan, have joined. We wish them many happy times with

Beachamwell WI.

Eileen gave the Thought for the Month:

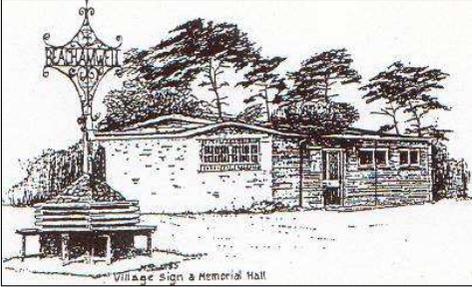
"Of course you meant to do it
We wouldn't call your bluff;
But good intentions, as you know
Are really not enough.
You'll drop a note, you'll lift the phone
As soon as things allow.
You're going to help and cheer a friend
So why not do it now

Eileen Powell



BEACHAMWELL, SHINGHAM & DRYMERE VILLAGE NEWS

Beachamwell Memorial Hall (Charity registration number 303900)



We were delighted that the hall was so well used in the period leading up to Christmas. A big thank you goes to Vicky and Tim Borodka for letting us use their Christmas tree throughout the first three weeks of December. It helped create a very festive feeling, especially as it was decorated with beautiful baubles donated by Barbara

and Alex Alexander before their move to Oxfordshire.

As well as all the regular monthly meetings, the WI held a successful Christmas Fayre; Wednesday Walkers enjoyed lunch in the hall after their December walk; the first Pop-up-Pub was held and a children's party took place.

The Pop-up-Pub was a great hit. A big thank you to everybody who supported this new venture and made it such a success. It was lovely to see so many villagers meeting up and chatting over a pint or a glass of wine. A very sociable occasion, which will be repeated in 2014 – watch out for details.

Since the village school closed in 1996, it often feels as if there are very few children living in Beachamwell, Shingham and Drymere, so it was lovely to see so many in the hall for the Christmas Party – 22 children aged from 10 weeks to 10 years! During the afternoon the children played games and tucked into the delicious food provided by their families, while parents had a chance to talk to each other. A big thank you to Jack and William Richardson, who helped supervise games and to all the parents who prepared games and activities. It is hoped that the success of this afternoon will lead to more family activities during the year.

The Beachamwell Memorial Hall AGM will take place in March. More details in next month's Group 4 News.

Peter Garner (Chair), Susie Davies (Secretary), Judith Blatchford (Treasurer), Caroline Sanderson, Mike Walker, Jayne Frost, Leah Spencer

Website: We have a domain name and some ideas – do you have the expertise to set up a village website for Beachamwell?

Peter Garner 07775931445

BEACHAMWELL, SHINGHAM & DRYMERE VILLAGE NEWS

Beachamwell Horticultural Show

The Seed Catalogues are arriving in the post now and the Committee hope that you will browse them and start ordering your seeds for the Horticultural Show. The Giant Onion Sets are now on order and will be available early April. I will be knocking on your door and hope you will purchase one or two and make yours the BIGGEST.

Brian Wilson 01366 328628

Mobile Post Office

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday: 11.15 - 12.00

Dog Fouling in Beachamwell

There have been several complaints about dog fouling on the Recreation Ground and paths in the Village.



This really is unacceptable and anti social behaviour. Once again can whoever allows

their dog or dogs foul please clean up their mess.

Parish Council

The next meeting will take place on Monday 10th March at 7.30 in the Memorial Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend. If you have any items for the agenda please give them to me in writing at least a week before the meeting.

As always if you have a query or a problem, you can consult any of the Councillors at any time – they are more than willing to listen and help if they can.

Eileen Powell (Parish Clerk)

COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

Mobile Library Visits - Please note changed days/times

DATE	VILLAGE	LOCATION	TIME
Thursday	Beachamwell	Post Office	10:05 am
13th February	Drymere	Telephone Box	10:40 am
13th March	Boughton	Sycamore House	15:20 pm
		Mill Road	15:35 pm
	Barton Bendish	Hatherley Gardens	9:40 pm
Thursday	Wereham	The Pond	9:30 am
13th, 27th February		Queen's Close	16:20 pm
13th, 27th March			

For services to all 'Group 4' villages ring Mobile Library Information on 01603 222267 or look at the website - www.norfolk.gov.uk/Leisure_and_culture/Libraries/Mobile_libraries

Village Bus Services

FROM	ROUTE	OPERATOR	DESTINATION
Barton Bendish	31 (Saturday)	Lewis Coaches	Swaffham
Beachamwell	31 (Saturday)	Lewis Coaches	Swaffham
	18 (Tuesday)	Eagles Coaches	King's.Lynn & Swaffham
Boughton	18 (Tuesday)	Eagles Coaches	King's.Lynn & Swaffham
Wereham	28 (Mon to Sat)	Coach Services	King's Lynn
	40 (Mon to Sat)	Coach Services	Thetford/Downham

Timetable requests:- (01603) 228888, Traveline (08706) 082608 (www.traveline.org.uk)

Farmers' Markets

Ely	Second and Fourth Saturday 8:00-2:00pm
Fakenham	Fourth Saturday 8.30am to 12:00pm
RAF Marham	Third Friday 9:00am to 2:00pm
Swaffham	First and Third Sunday
Watton	Sadly no longer trading

For information:- www.farmersmarkets.net or your local Tourist Information Office

Village and Parish Hall Bookings

Barton Bendish	Bill Tasker	01366 347432
Beachamwell	Leah Spencer	01366 328536
	Jayne Frost	01366 328893
Boughton	Pam Wakeling	01366 500 429
Wereham	Doreen Rolph	01366 500218

CHURCH SERVICES

February 2014

DATE & LOCATION	SERVICE	TIME
2nd February		
Beachamwell	Holy Communion	11 am
Wereham	Evening Service	6 pm
Shouldham	Holy Communion (said)	9.45 am
Marham	Café Church	10.30 -11.30
9th February		
Barton Bendish	Family Communion	11 am
Boughton	Breakfast Church	10 am
Shouldham Thorpe	Holy Communion	9.30 am
Fincham	Evensong	6 pm
Marham	Holy Communion	10.30 am
16th February		
Beachamwell	Morning Prayer/Family Service	11 am
Wereham	Holy Communion	11 am
Shouldham	Morning Prayer	9.45 am
Marham	Morning Worship	10.30 am
22nd February		
Barton Bendish	Evening Service	6 pm
Boughton	Holy Communion	11 am
Fincham	Holy Communion (said)	9.30 am
Marham	United Holy Communion at Holy Trinity	10.30 am

THURSDAY COMMUNIONS

10 am HC followed by coffee at Fincham except for the second Thursday in the month, when it will be at Boughton

CHURCHWARDENS

Barton Bendish	Mhari Blanchfield	01366 347849
	Linda Webster	01366 347563
Beachamwell	John Sanderson	01366 328818
	Graham Williams	01366 328774
Boughton	Pam Wakeling	01366 500429
Wereham	Sheila Smith	01366 858165

BAPTISMS AND WEDDINGS

Please contact the Revd. Barbara Burton or the Churchwarden in your parish.

BOUGHTON VILLAGE NEWS

Olive Alethea Armsby was born at Ten Mile Bank on 2nd March 1913 and died on Christmas Eve, 2013.

Olive had three brothers, Stan, George and Albert and a sister, Nellie. She attended Ten Mile Bank school where she became friends with Bert Armsby, who much later became her husband. They married February 23rd, 1935 at Ten Mile Bank Chapel, where they worshipped for a number of years. They had two sons, Raymond and Clifford, three grandsons and three great-grand daughters.

Olive worked on the land for MA Rice until 1939. In October 1939 they moved to Winnold Farm, Wereham, where she also helped on the land. They farmed at Wereham until 1974 and on retirement they moved to Mill Hill Road, Boughton. Sadly, Bert died in August 1990.

Olive was a member of Fincham WI and the Wissey Ladies' Choir. She was a devoted member of Boughton Chapel, later becoming a member of Stoke Ferry Chapel when Boughton closed.

From April 2005, no longer able to live alone, she lived some of the time at The Squares, Gibbet Lane and also at The Oaklands, Swaffham and enjoyed going to the Swaffham Chapel. She attended the Mardlers Day Centre for many years.

With failing health, she moved into Ashville House, Downham Market where she lived very happily for two and a half years. **Cliff and Doris Armsby**

Hilda Savage was born 1921 and died just before Christmas 2013. She was a lovely lady who was a long time resident of Boughton.

Hilda came to live in Boughton when she married Frank Savage and they took over running the Village Store and later the Post Office was added.

Hilda loved the village and was very happy here raising her family and working throughout her life until she and Frank retired. She lost Frank about 10 years ago and the village picnic table is there in his honour.

Hilda was the sweetest lady and I enjoyed many happy hours in her company both here in Boughton and later in Ashville Care Home. She never lost her faculties and we had great discussions about what was in the papers and what was going on in the world. "We could put the world to rights we thought!"

I personally will miss her greatly but I have some lovely memories and although there are not many of her generation left, those that knew her will remember her fondly. **Sandy Reid**

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Boughton Fen Update

Good News

Boughton Fen Committee would like to thank all of you who for voted for us in the Lloyds Community Fund Awards.

It certainly paid dividends, as we were top of the poll with over 35% of the vote. We have now received our cheque for £3000.00 from Lloyds Bank to help us with our fen work.

Working Parties

We will be carrying on with our working parties on the Fen on the following dates:

February 9th and 23rd, and March 9th and 23rd.

I will remind everyone on my email list with nearer each date, but if anyone else would like to join us, or would like to know more about what is involved, please give me a call on 01366 500461, or email me at mark@pogmore.myzen.co.uk

We look forward to seeing you.

Mark Pogmore

Boughton Fen Report for Parish Council Meeting 1.11.2013

Most of the summer visitors have now departed for warmer climes, leaving the fen to full time residents and human visitors.

Over the autumn and winter, we intend to carry out work with a number of working parties to keep on top of things and also repair seat and extend the boardwalk where necessary.

Specialist contractors will continue to remove large areas of scrub to prevent it spreading further into the main areas of reed bed.

The Environment Agency has recently carried out work to some areas of the bank adjacent to Stringside Drain, to assist in retaining water in the fen. This work is part of the Water Management Plan for the SSSI.

We recently met with the representatives of Baling for Biodiversity, which is an organisation specialising in cutting and baling reed and grass in wetland areas. They should visit us later in the season to work on selected areas to enhance habitat for wildlife in certain parts of the fen.

Voting for Boughton Fen in the Lloyds Community Fund finished on 1st November. Thank you all who voted by email, text or visiting Lloyds bank. We

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are now awaiting the results to see if we have been awarded a £3000 grant to assist us in our continuing work on the Fen.

We are now the proud owners of our own website www.boughtonfen.org.uk. We will be putting more information on in the next few weeks. Thanks go to Kevin Fisher for masterminding this project.

If you would like to assist us with our efforts on the fen, please give me a call on 01366 500461, or email mark@pogmore.myzen.co.uk. **Mark Pogmore**

Parish Council - Speed Consultation

Parishioners in Boughton have long been concerned about vehicles speeding through our village and the impact this has on road safety. A 20 mph Speed limit has been suggested.

During a straw poll, a number of residents have indicated that they support this. The Parish Council are considering putting this request forward to Norfolk County Highways on behalf of parishioners, but before doing so wish to ensure that a majority of the village support the proposal.

If you have any objection to a 20mph speed limit please contact a member of your Parish Council and let them know your views before the end of February

Boughton Wishing Bucket – Donation Update January 2014



So, why is it called the Boughton Wishing Bucket when it's clearly a wishing well?

Let's go back nearly three years to the Annual Boughton Challenge when the challenge was to do anything with a 'bucket' as provided by Frank & Geoff. Dave Howard decided to create a Wishing Well around his bucket and it was duly named the Boughton Wishing Bucket!

If you look carefully at the Wishing Bucket you will see that the 'well' is actually an orange bucket! And if you look closely you will see that you can drop in your loose change and make a wish!

Many people have already made a wish and dropped their change into the well, and since it was placed on The Green your generous donations, including some match funding, have allowed us to donate £250 to local charities. This is magnificent and something we should all be proud of.

Please continue to support this fund raising venture and perhaps suggest a charity you would like to see supported in the future. Come along to your Parish Council meetings and make your views known. **Peter Agate**

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Christmas in Boughton: Many thanks to all those who helped to make it a memorable Christmas in Boughton. Thanks again to Geoff Proctor for the beautiful tree in the church and to Geoff and Frank for setting it up. Maryse and Tony decorated it with some style, I think everyone would agree, and Angela and I decorated the rest of the church with greenery, some donated by Elizabeth and Hans Hager, some from my garden and some holly with real berries from the churchyard itself.

Our Carol service was a joy to attend, with a range of readers from the village itself and almost the full choir in attendance. Fourteen people can make quite a big sound! Thanks to all those who read, to Tom for playing the organ and training the choir (we really enjoy it, Tom) and to Robin for taking the service so beautifully. I try to vary the carols for the congregation each year, and we were blessed with some fine singing. It was good to see visitors from outside the village as well, most of whom were able to join us for our village 'party' with food brought along by the congregation. The collection was donated to the Syrian famine relief fund.

There was a short lull before the Crib service on Christmas Eve. The donkey was called Bubbles, fetched from Litcham by Paul, accompanied by Robin. The donkey was beautiful, specially combed and brushed, and he behaved extremely well. Everyone is usually watching carefully and it wouldn't be the same without a donkey. It was a short service, but enjoyably organised by the Rye family and Pippa. Many thanks to everyone and this collection went to Crisis at Christmas, which needs support after Christmas as well. (It was lovely to see the lanterns around the pond as we left – in my case to ring bells at another church's carol service.)

Our Christmas Day service provided a welcome surprise; I don't remember in previous years being asked for more wafers in the middle of the service, nor having to ask later arrivals to put out more chairs! It was lovely to have a congregation of almost fifty, singing heartily as well. Several large families helped to swell the numbers and we welcomed old friends as well. Do come again!!

Once again, thanks to all those who helped to make Boughton's Christmas so memorable and enjoyable at church and with friends later in the day.

Pam Wakeling

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Pilates

Classes in the All Saints Centre got off to a great start on Saturday mornings in January with a full complement of ten participants, put through their paces by Susan Hancock, from the Reflexology Studio in Swaffham. This discipline centres around isolating the core muscles for optimum use, then completing movements slowly and in a steady flow, using the body as a low load and relaxing the arms and legs so they act as the weight. Lateral thoracic (look it up, I did) breathing is achieved by inhaling through the nose to prepare for the movement, then breathing out through the mouth whilst moving. All this must surely mean that I will soon have a golf swing like Rory McIlroy!

Currently classes are planned to run until April: if sufficient numbers come forward, we could even run two classes a week, maybe one on another time and day. Meanwhile Saturday coffee mornings have to move! February and March will be on the 15th.

Paul Coulten

TWO DIFFERENT DOCTORS' OFFICES

Two patients limp into two different medical clinics with the same complaint? Both have trouble walking and appear to require a hip replacement.

The **FIRST** patient is examined within the hour, is x-rayed the same day and has a time booked for surgery the following week.

The **SECOND** sees his family doctor after waiting 3 weeks for an appointment, then waits 8 weeks to see a specialist, then gets an x-ray, which isn't reviewed for another week and finally has his surgery scheduled for 6 months from then.

Why the different treatment for the two patients?

The **FIRST** is a Golden Retriever.

The **SECOND** is a Senior Citizen.

Next time take me to a vet!



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Parish Council Meetings

The last meeting was held 14th January. If you would like a copy of the Minutes from that meeting, please contact:

Mrs. N. Cooper, Parish Clerk, Wereham. Email: Werehampc@gmail.com
Clavering House, Stoke Road, Telephone 01366 500527

The next meeting is Tuesday, 11th March at 7.30 pm. All welcome.

Wereham has a social group on Facebook - Wereham Village Group. If you've lost something, have a question or something to share, come and join us!

Wereham Messy Church

February 27th 4pm - 5.30pm. Starts in the church followed by activities and a meal in the Village Hall. What is Messy Church? Messy Church is a service for families. It will include a story, singing, drama and activities to do together as a family. A hot meal and pudding will be provided free of charge for everyone who comes. This service is guaranteed not to be boring. There will be no long-winded sermons. No-one will disapprove of children making a noise. Messy church is a form of church for children of all ages and adults that involves creativity, celebration and hospitality. If you enjoyed Wereham's nativity service before Christmas this is something for you. Don't miss it. We are looking forward to seeing you there

To book places or for further information please ask Debbie or Ian Rye. Telephone 01366 502083, email ian_rye@msn.com or call in at The Old Chapel by the pond.

Well Done Wereham!

Sunday December 22nd saw just over 200 adults and children thoroughly enjoying the Nativity and Carol service in St Margaret's Church. The candle lit church combined with the enthusiasm of the young children taking part helped to create a special atmosphere. This was made more so by 7 week old baby Kelsey and Sharon her mother who played the part of 'Big Mary' alongside Maddie as 'Little Mary' and JJ as Joseph.

The humorous Play in a Day 'Where's Baby Jesus?' co-written and performed by the teenagers, reminded us of the true meaning of Christmas. After carols by the pond led by Dom Rye and his trusty accordion we made our way to the village hall for hot dogs, potato wedges and mince pies served by members of the village hall committee. The children took part in Christmas crafting, story

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reading and the evening finished with a rousing Twelve Days of Christmas. As always, a successful event relies upon the help of many people. Thanks to Tom for the music, Angela for organising the tots, the mums, dads and Lizzie for the costumes, Ronnie and Ivy for decorating the church and Debbie and Ian Rye for making the whole thing happen so successfully. Finally,

thanks to all the parents who supported us and the children who arrived for rehearsals and performed so well on the day.

Message from Santa

Thank you to those children and parents who came to see me at Wereham Village Hall. You were all very polite and well-behaved. Thanks especially to Faye who gave me my first Christmas card of the year and to JJ who offered me a present of some bubble mix.

It was also lovely to meet babies Imogen and Kelsie.

I hope you liked the Christmas presents I left for you on Christmas day

I look forward to seeing you next Christmas

Be good

Santa

Wereham Tots

We are raring to go after the festive break. Don't forget we meet Friday mornings 10.00 am to 12.00 noon in the Village Hall. All welcome. If anyone is looking to clear out any old toys, to make room for all the new ones, we are always grateful for any donations.

Thank you.

Enquiries please to Angela 500115.

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A Spring Clean Sale

This is taking place on Saturday 29th March in the Village Hall at 2.00 pm. Now is the time to clear out all of those items that haven't been worn or used (the unwanted Christmas gift!) that you would be willing to donate. This could be books, bric-a-brac, toys, clean clothing or nearly new items. Any donations can be left outside, under the porch, at the Hall or pick up could be arranged by telephoning Dianne 500798

Update from Wereham Village Hall Committee

Update from our Ordinary meeting on the 19th November - Fantastic news, the Parish Council agreed to sign off the new Trust Deed! This is an important building block in our funding application, without it the Lottery would not accept our application. Thank you to the PC members who worked hard to resolve queries and approve our request, to solicitor John Gudgeon from Hawkins Ryan who attended many meetings without charge and to our Trustees for supporting this change. The new Trust Deed has been accepted by the Charity Commission and is now live on line. We have welcomed new trustee, Gail Koopowitz whose joined as the PC representative.

We've actioned roof repairs in response to a leak in the men's toilet and installed a motion detector flood light at the front door.

For all the pictures and feedback from our Christmas bingo, Christmas Bazaar and Christmas Carols event, log onto www.facebook.com/werehamvillagehall by clicking on the 'Like' option, you will be kept up to date on events, pictures and the progress towards a new village hall.

We're also looking into a website, if you can help, please contact Helen on 07795006811.

We've booked lots of community events for 2014. These will be listed on our facebook page and on the new notice board outside the hall.

Update from the new build team - Data has been collated and uploaded from the community and event surveys.

Our next action is to survey the user groups to clarify their issues and needs that aren't fulfilled by the existing building. The questionnaire has been checked with the Lottery. During January to March, myself and Helen will be attending the regular user groups to ensure all users have the opportunity to give their opinion - Bingo, Bowls, Tots, Parish Council, Pop up Cafe and Car-boots.

We have booked a progress meeting with Barry Duffin from the NRCC on the

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1st January to ensure we can evidence strong 'needs' in anticipation of a meeting booked with the Lottery on the 3rd February - things are finally starting to come together!

We're also attending a funding session at Downham Town Hall on the 31st January with Elizabeth Truss and our contact from the Lottery, Jamie Conway.

A big thank you to:-

Jacqueline for the December pop up café. Raised a cake-tastic £154.50.

The Loake Family for organising the 3rd indoor car boot. Raised £92.65.

Rose, Friends and Trustees for the Christmas Bingo. Raised £475.50

Friends and Trustees for the Christmas Bazaar. Raised £376.74

Friends and Trustees for The Christmas Carols Raised £169.46.



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Wereham Village Hall Bonus Ball Club

The Winners of £50 each for the December Lotto draw were Diane Woolston and Roy Smith, January winners were John Eastgate and Barbara Carter — congratulations!

If you'd like to be added to the waiting list, contact Helen on 07795006811.

Many thanks

Helen Richardson, Secretary, Wereham Village Hall.

Ink Cartridges and Bottle tops - collection boxes on the piano in the hall, open 10 -12 Fridays. Or alternatively, leave them in a bag at the door of the village hall.

Events List

Please see our Facebook page or notice board

Bingo

Every Wednesday, doors open at 6.45pm, eyes down at 7.30pm. Cash prizes, raffle and refreshments with complimentary biscuits.

Roger on 01366 500088.

Pop up Café

Next date is Tuesday the 4th February, then Tuesday the 4th March.

Jacqueline 01366 500880

Indoor/Outdoor Car Boot

Next dates are 23rd February and 30th March

Nikki/Chris on 501111

If you have any queries with regards to the plans to get funding for a new village hall, or anything we're doing, please contact - Victoria Gray on 501277 or email me on darren.gray~tesco.net

Victoria Gray

Chair

Wereham Village Hall Committee

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1. I'm Going Fishing

Means: I'm going to drink myself dangerously stupid and stand by a stream with a stick in my hand while the fish swim by in complete safety.....

2. It's A Guy Thing

Means: There is no rational thought pattern connected with it and you have no chance at all of making it logical.....

3. Can I help with dinner?

Means: Why isn't it already on the table?

4. Uh Huh; Sure Honey; or Yes Dear.....

Means: Absolutely nothing. It's a conditioned response.....

5. It would take too long to explain

Means: I have no idea how it works.....

6. That's interesting dear.

Means: Are you still talking?

7. Oh, don't fuss, I just cut myself, it's no big deal.

Means: I have actually severed a limb but will bleed to death before I admit that I'm hurt.....

8. Hey, I've got my reasons for what I'm doing.

Means: And I sure hope I think of some pretty soon.....

9. I can't find it.

Means: It didn't fall into my outstretched hands, so I'm completely clueless.....

10. What did I do this time?

Means: What did you catch me at?

11. I heard you.

Means: I haven't the foggiest clue what you just said and am hoping desperately that I can fake it well enough to fool you - not a chance.....

12. I'm not lost. I know exactly where we are.

Means: No one will ever see us alive again.....

13. We share the housework

Means: I make the messes, she cleans them up.....

14. Take a break, you're working too hard.

Means: I can't hear the game over the vacuum cleaner.....



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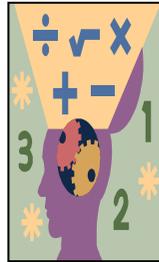
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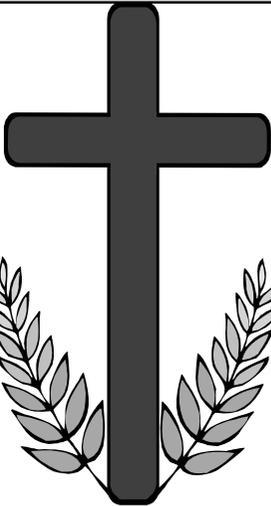
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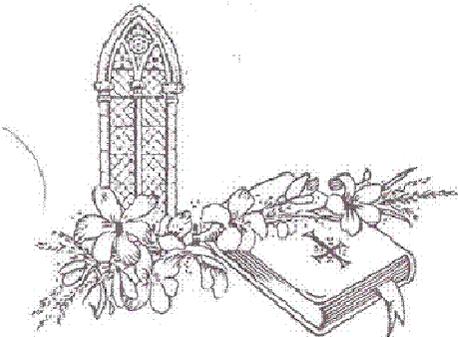
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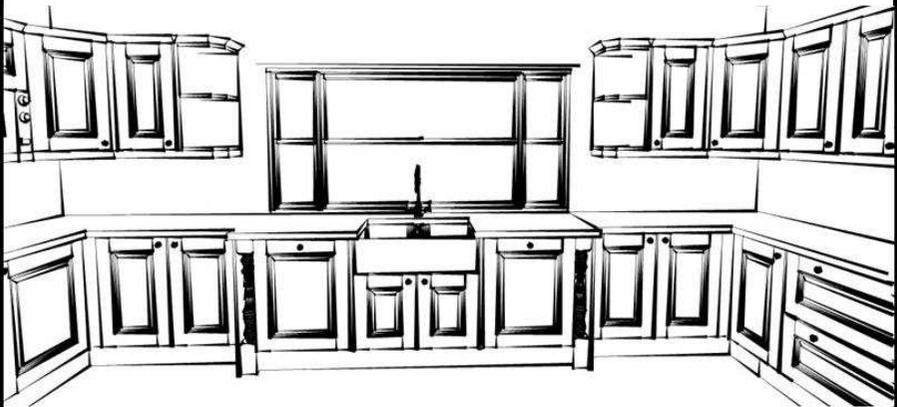
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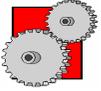
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02. What does the W stand for in George W. Bush?
03. How is the depressive illness SAD otherwise known?
04. What is George and Mildred's surname in the TV sitcom?
05. Whose treasure is buried on RL Stevenson's 'Treasure Island'?
06. What are the Pentland Skerries?
- 07 What does BLT stand for?
08. Which famous cartoon character is known as Topolino in Italy?
09. Why might you see arrows on your hotel room ceiling in Malaysia?
10. The Benchmark is a term for a standard to which we should aspire. Why is it so called?
11. What word can folloew snake, bible and seat?
12. Unscramble LONDON'S SAVERS to recall a legendary DH. Lawrence novel.
13. St. Crispin is the patron saint of which clothing trade?
14. What drink's name is derived from the Spanish word for bleeding?
15. Where in London does the Ceremony of the Keys take place every night?
16. Does a fright really make your hair stand up?
17. Name three golden birds
18. What colour is the cover of a UK passport?
19. Who bought the Queen her first corgi?
20. Which town in the Scottish Borders contains two parts of the body?
21. What are cherubim and seraphim?
22. What four-lettered word written in capitals reads the same forwards and backwards and upside down?

Answers: 1. Anne Boleyn; 2. Walker; 3. Seasonal Affective Disorder; 4. Roper; 5. Captain Flint's; 6. Isolated rocks and islets; 7. Bacon, lettuce and tomato; 8. Mickey Mouse; 9. They point the way to Mecca so guests know which way to pray; 10. A benchmark is a surveyor's mark cut in a wall or pillar used as a reference mark to measure heights. The bench or bracket inserted into the mark holds a levelling staff; 11. Belt; 12. Sons and Lovers; 13. Shoemakers; 14. Sangria; 15. The Tower of London; 16. Yes; 17. Eagle, plover, pheasant etc; 18. Burgundy; 19. Her father - it was a Pembrokeshire corgi called Dookie; 20. Eyemouth; 21. Angels; 22. NOON;



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